HOUSE BILL NO. 534

May 5, 1953

Honorable John C. Luber Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am returning herewith without my approval House Bill No. 534, which provides for payment of a pension to Mr. John W. Mike, a former officer of the Baltimore City Police Department. The Police Commissioner of Baltimore City has recommended veto of the bill and Mayor D'Alesandro concurs in this request. A review of the departmental record of Mr. Mike, which has been submitted to me, shows no evidence of any error in connection with his dismissal from the Force, nor is any such contention made in his behalf.

I have this day also vetoed House Bill No. 192 providing special pension treatment for a single individual, and reference is made to that veto message for the basic objections to the instant bill. These objections are the special treatment accorded a single individual different from all others similarly situated under the general provisions of the police pension law, and the unwiseness of legislative interference with the exercise of sound administrative discretion in the operation of the Baltimore City Police Department.

Respectfully,

(s) THEODORE R. McKeldin, Governor

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have today vetoed House Bill No. 537, which is returned herewith. This bill would direct the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to pay pensions for a limited period of time to certain named individuals. I am informed that no reason exists for giving special treatment to these named individuals, which is not accorded to others. It is, therefore, not in accordance with sound administrative